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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner mailed January 4, 2001, Applicants submit the attached documents.

REMARKS

Applicants enclose the certified translation and certified copy of the foreign priority document which was apparently separated from and lost from the response filed 10/6/00. Applicants believe that the response is now fully compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' resubmission of Applicants' priority documents, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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